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QUESTION ONE

Put the verbs in brackets, e.g. [buy] into the correct tense: 1] Past Simple: He played

2] Past Continuous: He was playing or 3] Past Perfect Simple: He had played

We use Past Perfect Simple to talk about a 1) past action which was finished before 2) another action in the past: After he 1) had eaten the sandwich, he 2) drank a cup of coffee.

One day a husband and his wife called Angela [buy] _____ a new house and [put] _____ their furniture into it. Some workmen [help] _____ them put the furniture into the house. Angela [be] _____ upstairs in the bedroom looking out of the window when she [see] _____ two men carrying a coffin across the garden. Their faces [be] _____ absolutely white and they [be dressed] _____ in black suits. She [think] _____ this was very strange and [ask] _____ the workmen who the men were and why they [carry] _____ a coffin across her garden! The workmen [not know] _____ these men and [never see] _____ them before in their lives.

Two years later, Angela [do] _____ her Christmas shopping in a big department store. She [just finish] _____ her shopping and [wait] _____ on the top floor for the lift to come. The lift [come] _____ and its doors [open] _____; it [be] _____ full of people and the liftman said: "There's room for one more". She was about to get in the lift, when suddenly a shiver [go] _____ down her spine and she [feel] _____ cold and afraid. She [not want] _____ to get into the lift, but she [not know] _____ why. So she started to go down the stairs.

While she [walk] _____ down the stairs, she suddenly [understand] _____ what [frighten] _____ her: the face of the liftman was absolutely white and she recognized him as one of the men who [carry] _____ the coffin across her garden two years before! She felt she [see] _____ a ghost! When she [get down] _____ to the ground floor, she [hear] _____ screaming and shouting and [see] _____ lots of people running about. She asked someone what [happen] _____ and he told her that the lift [just crash] _____, killing everyone who was in it!

QUESTION TWO

Match the words below in the table in A) with their definitions in C). Write the letters A) to Q) in B. One example is done for you.

Example: 16) hell L) Where dead people's spirits go if they've done bad things.

A	B	C
1) undertaker		A) metal rings linked together.
2) ghost		B) to make a low sound, especially because part of your body hurts.
3) coffin		C) Place where dead people are buried underground.
4) séance		D) The noise a chain makes when it's moved.
5) haunted		E) Where dead people's spirits go if they've done good things.
6) priest		F) to make a high, loud noise with your voice when you're afraid.
7) to exorcize		G) When your body shakes because you're cold or frightened.
8) chains		H) This describes a place where ghosts are frequently seen.
9) to scream		I) A person who buries dead people.
10) to clank		J) Someone who performs religious ceremonies in a church.
11) to moan		K) Where dead people's spirits go if they've done bad things.
12) heaven		L) A dead person's spirit, which some people believe they can see.
13) shiver		M) A wooden box in which dead people are put.
14) cemetery		O) When people try to communicate with dead people.
15) undertaker		P) A house is called this if ghosts are frequently seen in it.
16) Hell	L)	Q) to remove a ghost from a house, a priest usually does this.